

## House Resolution No. 4260

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations in local communities that strive to help those in need; and

**Whereas**, Niles Home for Children, Incorporated, will celebrate its One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary during a special luncheon and celebration to be held on October 8, 2003, at the Downtown Marriott in Kansas City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Niles Home for Children began in 1883 when Samuel Eason, a Black laborer decided to do something about the destitute children he saw living in the streets of Kansas City and opened his door to those in need of a home; and

**Whereas**, in 1896, Samuel Eason's home had become the refuge of not only destitute and neglected children, but also to a number of elderly people, at which time he sought the assistance of the Colored Industrial Charity Association, which responded with money, donations, and personnel assistance, and the name changed to Colored People's Charity Association; and

**Whereas**, in 1949, the corporate name became Niles Home for Children, Incorporated, and its role changed from a custodial home to a residential treatment center that included neglected, abused, emotionally disturbed, educationally deprived children, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin; and

**Whereas**, today, Niles Home For Children has expanded its residential treatment service to include Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, a Summer Wellness program, and Niles Prep Behavior Management School:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud all those individuals associated with Niles Home for Children as they observe the One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary of its establishment and to convey this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued success; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Niles Home for Children, Incorporated.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Craig Bland  
District No. 43

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4260, adopted September 25, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker